

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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LWF

LAKE
WINNIPEG
FOUNDATION

2016

BY THE NUMBERS

480 VOLUNTEER
HOURS DONATED

200 WATER
SAMPLES

collected for LWF's community-based monitoring network

332 STUDENTS

participated in field trips funded in part by LWF's educational grants program

41,449

DOLLARS RAISED
through Walk for Water

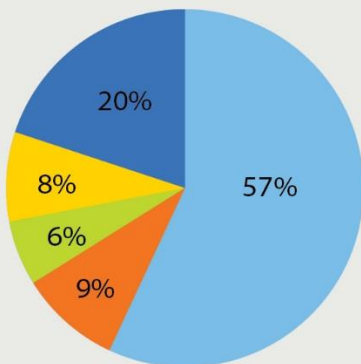
1,327

CITIZENS
reached through
LWF presentations

73 PERCENTAGE
INCREASE

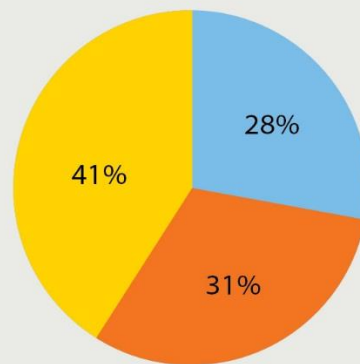
in LWF's Instagram following
over the year

2016 INCOME



Foundations/grants
Government
Corporate sponsorship
Private donors
Events & sales

2016 EXPENSES



Administration & fundraising
Communications & education
Programs

A message from LWF's Executive Director

The past year was another exciting and dynamic one, as we continue to advance the priority actions of our Lake Winnipeg Health Plan locally, regionally and nationally.

Last spring, LWF launched Manitoba's community-based monitoring (CBM) network, leveraging the expertise of our Science Advisory Council and the commitment of citizen scientists to improve our understanding of water quality in Manitoba. Using scientifically vetted protocols compatible with government agencies, citizen volunteers are collecting water samples that help us identify phosphorus hotspots in Manitoba. As CBM data is collected over multiple years, we will be able to strategically target remedial actions to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg.

LWF strengthened our advocacy efforts in 2016. Provincially, we spoke out for strong protection for Manitoba's threatened wetlands: living green infrastructure that mitigates flood and drought and improves water quality. Nationally, we advocated for renewed federal funding for Lake Winnipeg, and are happy to see a funding commitment in Budget 2017. We'll work closely with federal partners throughout the coming year to ensure this money is invested wisely for the greatest impact.

We're proud to continue our support of the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective, a group of First Nations from around Lake Winnipeg who are joining together to build leadership and ensure Indigenous perspectives inform decision making. Much effort and planning in 2016 has led to the launch of new communications tools and LWIC-led projects in 2017.

Again, LWF wraps up the past year a different organization than we started, with increased capacity and greater impact. It is the dedication of our members that continues to drive us forward. At home, at school, at the cottage, our members' actions are supporting a healthy Lake Winnipeg.

As 2016 drew to a close, the LWF team received a letter from eight-year-old Hayden, who had saved up to donate \$59 to protect the lake that is so important to him and his grandparents. Hayden's donation inspires us all and is a reminder that all our actions matter. When we join together, our efforts add up and our voices gain strength. Together, we can create change for Hayden and the lake he loves.



– Alexis Kanu

The Lake Winnipeg Health Plan



LWF is currently working with approximately 30 stakeholders – including researchers, industry associations, conservation organizations, Indigenous nations, educational institutions, national water collectives, decision-makers and grassroots groups – to advance evidence-based solutions for Lake Winnipeg.

LWF's flagship initiative, the Lake Winnipeg Health Plan, addresses the root causes of harmful algae blooms through the implementation of eight evidence-based actions. We are using this plan to build the political will, partner capacity and public support needed to achieve meaningful reduction in phosphorus loading to Lake Winnipeg.

Progress in 2016 focused on four actions:



Action 1 – Keeping Water on the Land

LWF's work in 2016 on this action focused primarily on government advocacy. Using policy submissions, in-person meetings with decision-makers, media engagement and other avenues, LWF pushed for the legislated protection of Manitoba's threatened wetlands. Specifically, we have been calling for new legislation that ensures no net loss of water retention capacity on the landscape by putting in place a drainage moratorium on seasonal (i.e., "Class 3") wetlands and strengthening protection of semi-permanent and permanent wetlands (i.e., "Classes 4 and 5").

In early 2016 LWF worked closely with Ducks Unlimited Canada to co-ordinate advocacy efforts in support of the proposed *Surface Water Management Act (Amendments to various acts to protect lakes and wetlands)*, which would have enabled stronger protection for all Class 3, 4 and 5 wetlands. The bill made it through second reading and to committee with support from all parties, only to die on the order paper in the final legislative session before Manitoba's April 2016 election.

Post-election, LWF continued to advocate Manitoba's new government to legislate and enforce wetland protection using a "no net loss of ecological benefits" approach for the health of our province's waters, and also as a cost-effective way to mitigate the effects of flooding.



Action 4 – Monitoring our Waterways

In 2016 LWF launched a community-based monitoring (CBM) network that enlists citizen scientists to collect water samples at various sites across Manitoba in order to identify phosphorus hotspots. Targeting funding and remedial action to these hotspots will give us the greatest return on investment when it comes to taking action against harmful algae blooms.

Working closely with LWF science advisors Mike Stainton and Greg McCullough, water sampling and lab analysis protocols were designed. LWF partnered with the Seine-Rat River Conservation District and the La Salle-Redboine Conservation District to launch a pilot water-monitoring field study to test these protocols. From March to October 2016, 200 samples from 12 sites were collected and analyzed for phosphorus concentrations.

LWF staff shared our initial CBM findings with national and local stakeholders including:

- The two conservation districts involved in the pilot field study
- Approximately 400 attendees at the Red River Basin Commission conference
- Approximately 80 CBM practitioners from both the United States and Canada who attended the North American Lakes Management Society conference
- Cooks Creek Conservation District's staff and board



Additionally, LWF participated in the creation of a national report, *Realizing the Potential of Community Based Monitoring in Assessing the Health of Our Waters*, which highlighted the challenges and opportunities of CBM initiatives in Canada. LWF's efforts were one of five case studies showcased in this report.

LWF's CBM network continues to receive significant interest from conservation districts, schools and individuals. In response, we are expanding the CBM network for the coming year.



Action 5 – Managing our Shorelines

Two separate streams of activity within Action 5 emerged over the course of 2016.

Exploring shoreline management guidelines

From January to May, LWF conducted four focus groups to better understand barriers to the development of comprehensive shoreline management guidelines. A total of 19 people attended, representing shoreline municipalities, conservation district staff, First Nations, scientists and cottage community representatives.

The focus group format – one of the first times LWF has used such a structure – was successful, allowing participants to share insights in a respectful and trusted environment, and LWF to gather important information and identify next steps.

Our results indicate that there is significant confusion about the jurisdictional responsibilities within shoreline planning and development; there is little to no enforcement of existing guidelines; and that there is interest in collaborative efforts to pursue shoreline management guidelines for the south basin of Lake Winnipeg.

Restoration of Netley-Libau Marsh

LWF's Science Advisory Council worked for a second field season in 2016 to better understand the factors that are contributing to the ongoing degradation of Netley-Libau Marsh, a large coastal wetland located at the southern base of Lake Winnipeg. In its healthy state, the marsh plays a crucial role as a natural filter to remove phosphorus from the water of the lake.

Working with a steering committee comprised of representatives from IISD-Experimental Lakes Area, Ducks Unlimited Canada, the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the University of Manitoba, LWF's science advisors conducted tests to determine the impact of factors such as water flow, invasive carp, the regulation of Lake Winnipeg water levels for hydro-electricity production, and the widening and deepening of a cut made in 1913 to direct Red River flow into the marsh.

The steering committee then devised a test restoration plan in partnership with the University of Manitoba's Dr. Gordon Goldsborough and Dr. Shawn Clark, and the Red River Basin Commission. This plan will see the mouth of the Red River dredged (which will theoretically reduce the flow of water going through the cut), and use the dredge material to create artificial islands in Hardman Lake, located within the marsh. These islands will then be populated with native plants that will pull phosphorus from the water. A funding proposal for this plan was submitted in December; if successful, the plan will proceed in 2017.



Action 8 – Taking Responsibility

Action 8 aims to motivate people into taking action as stewards of our shared waters, consumers with purchasing power and citizens of Lake Winnipeg's watershed. Work includes direct engagement with individuals and groups, traditional media relations, integrated digital outreach, financial support and other resources for local educators and their students, and co-ordinated partner messaging.

Public education

LWF staff delivered 45 classroom and community presentations in 2016, directly engaging with 1,327 citizens. We have seen significant interest in our classroom presentations; requests from educators increased by more than 200 per cent when compared to 2015, highlighting a growing demand for this aspect of our programming.

In October, LWF's communications director took part in the Science Teachers Association of Manitoba's annual professional development day. This was an opportunity to showcase the foundation's existing educational resources and connect with teachers from across Manitoba to discuss future collaborative partnerships.

We continued to reach new audiences through traditional media channels, digital outreach and social media. Our work was featured 42 times in print, radio, television and online media. LWF's website received an average of 3,887 page views per month from an average of 1,463 individual users – including some from as far away as India, Australia and the United Kingdom. Over the course of 2016 we grew our Facebook supporter base by 21 per cent, our Twitter follower count by 31 per cent and our Instagram follower count by 73 per cent.

Public outreach

LWF staff organized and/or participated in 12 outreach events held in both Winnipeg and lakeside communities from May through August, from beach clean-ups to outdoor markets. New for 2016 was Hillside Beach Family Fun Day – at which we interacted with over 100 people and made new connections with the Hillside Beach Community Association – and Pickerel in the Park, an LWF-led afternoon event at Grand Marais Community Central that combined an informative session on zebra mussels with family-friendly outdoor activities and a fish fry. Special thanks to aquatic invasive species expert Candace Parks and all the volunteers whose hard work made this event a huge success.

Other notable 2016 outreach activities include a hands-on demonstration to Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox of the water-sampling protocols used by citizen scientists involved in LWF's community-based monitoring network, and a three-part "Water Wednesdays" speaker series held at Assiniboine Park in October.

Citizen advocacy

In advance of Manitoba's 2016 election, LWF launched a campaign using digital communication, media engagement and direct mail to position water as a political priority and educate voters so that they could engage with local candidates. We also partnered with Probe Research on a poll that showed widespread voter support for sustainable freshwater management.

We encouraged lake-lovers to ask questions about water stewardship and we asked all candidates those same questions ourselves, publishing all responses we received in the lead-up to the vote. Finally, we partnered with IISD Experimental Lakes Area on a pre-election panel discussion at the Winnipeg Free Press Café.

Education funding

LWF's offer teachers small grants to offset travel and admission costs of water-related field trips. In 2016 this funding helped 332 students from six schools take part in excursions to Oak Hammock Marsh, the Manitoba Museum's Science Gallery and a special Earth Day presentation. We have begun exploring how to broaden the scope of our educational funding in order to support a more diverse range of learning opportunities.



Grade 10 students from Gordon Bell High School at the Manitoba Museum's Lake Winnipeg: Shared Solutions exhibit

The Lake Winnipeg Health Plan: A look ahead

In 2017 LWF will continue to focus heavily on Actions 4 and 8. New priority areas for the coming year include Action 3, Setting the Standard for Wastewater Treatment, and Action 6, Promoting Agricultural Water Stewardship. More information is available on LWF's website.

The Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective

Since 2014, LWF has been supporting the development of the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective (LWIC), a group of First Nations from around Lake Winnipeg who are concerned about the health of the lake. Over the past year, LWF provided LWIC with administrative support, and worked to secure funds, build capacity and co-ordinate projects. An LWIC Co-ordinator was hired in fall to facilitate this ongoing partnership.

In September, five LWIC nations gathered in Misipawistik, where many elders and community members joined the conversations and discussions about how to address the impacts of hydro-electricity production on Lake Winnipeg. LWIC representatives heard from the elders, established communication plans, and generated ideas for future projects and initiatives. The LWIC Accord was finalized at this gathering. The accord outlines the relationship between Indigenous people and Lake Winnipeg, and describes the collective's commitment to solutions. LWIC representatives also spent time on the water, touring impacted areas in Misipawistik traditional territory, and hearing stories of flooded and abandoned fishing camps.



Also in September, LWF and LWIC were invited by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation to attend the commission's annual gathering in Mexico. While there, LWF's Programs Director had the opportunity to present to the environment ministers of Canada, Mexico and the United States, sharing the some of the cross-cultural learnings with respect to Lake Winnipeg management and conservation that are emerging through LWF and LWIC's collaboration.

LWIC's steering committee consists of representatives from six First Nations. In November, the committee met to discuss funding options and establish project plans for the upcoming year. Committee members then went on a tour of the Brokenhead Wetland Ecological Reserve to gain a deeper understanding of the environmental value of wetlands and the traditional medicines they provide. They also learned about the federal government's environmental regulatory review process and were provided with an overview of key environmental legislation. Subsequently LWIC submitted two parliamentary briefs for the reviews of the *Fisheries Act* and the *Navigation Protection Act*.

Since the meeting in November, LWIC has released three five-minute videos from Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Norway House Cree Nation and Misipawistik Cree Nation. The videos highlight the relationship each First Nation has with the lake and describe the environmental challenges each is facing. LWIC has also finalized a participation handbook which outlines the roles, responsibilities and benefits of participating in the collective. This handbook was created to solidify the LWIC governance structure, foster additional partnerships, inform First Nations around Lake Winnipeg, and encourage participation on the steering committee.

LWIC secured funding for several 2017 projects including a youth gathering, an LWIC website, a treaty law workshop and a fish habitat study. These projects are solidifying the collective's commitment to moving forward on solutions for Lake Winnipeg.

LWF continues to work with LWIC to build a strong, reciprocal relationship that fosters mutual learning and understanding in order to advance sustainable and equitable solutions for Lake Winnipeg.



Science

A message from the Chair of LWF's Science Advisory Council

When I took over from Alex Salki as Chair of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation's Science Advisory Council (SAC) in November, I was a little daunted. Alex's shoes are big ones to fill – he has achieved a lot for Lake Winnipeg, and he fully deserved the Meritous Service Decoration that he received from Canada's Governor General in June. Thankfully, he hasn't gone far. Alex remains a SAC member and is a major player in our Netley-Libau Marsh restoration initiative, currently underway in partnership with the University of Manitoba and Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Looking back over 2016, I think we have work to be proud of. The community-based monitoring (CBM) program was a major initiative to get started, but the interest from various partners eager to participate – and the results so far – show it to be a valuable way for LWF to contribute to the science in the watershed. Dr. Greg McCullough and Mike Stainton (the latter, another Meritous Service Decoration recipient) did an amazing job of training citizen scientists and providing them with equipment, receiving and processing the collected samples, and analysing the data. The program looks like it will be even bigger and better in 2017. The volunteers are already sampling, and we have a new partner to assist with the sample analyses, thanks to the federal department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, which is generously providing lab space at its Morden Research and Development Centre. In early 2017 LWF hired a CBM Co-ordinator, Chelsea Lobson, and I am looking forward to seeing how the program runs.

Over the coming year, SAC members will be reviewing LWF's updated strategic plan to identify how we can support LWF's board and staff, and respond to emerging issues. We expect Manitoba's new government to move on surface water management, although the timeline for that is currently unknown. The interest in tile drainage, as well as in lake fisheries and invasive species issues, have flagged to me the need to recruit some additional expertise. This will be a key objective in the next few months.



I am excited for the year ahead and the opportunities we have. The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is influential and its voice is heard, but we still have lots to talk about.

– Selena Randall, PhD

Supporters

LWF supporters are the lifeblood of our foundation. We are grateful to the volunteers who assist LWF in organizing fundraising events, the citizens who organize their own fundraising events and the many lake-lovers who give generously to Lake Winnipeg by supporting these grassroots efforts.

Love, Lake Winnipeg: A tribute to the songs of Sol Sigurdson



In January, an ambitious project reached its exciting conclusion. *Love, Lake Winnipeg: A tribute to the songs of Sol Sigurdson* was a musical collaboration in support of LWF featuring select tracks from Riverton singer-songwriter Sol Sigurdson's 1970 cult classic, *The Lake Winnipeg Fisherman*, reimagined by an eclectic group of contemporary Manitoba musicians. This four-song EP was released on Jan. 14 at a benefit concert held at Winnipeg's West End Cultural Centre.

Through this project LWF earned positive press across multiple media channels throughout Western Canada. The benefit concert saw 294 ticket-holders in attendance (a packed house), many of whom shared positive feedback. Our tribute EP reached No. 1 on the University of Winnipeg's campus radio charts and stayed there for four weeks.

Independent events

LWF supporters organized 16 independent fundraising events in 2016. A highlight was Cycling for Solutions, a three-day, 500 km self-supported road trip in early September from Winnipeg to the IISD-Experimental Lakes Area research facility in northwest Ontario. Returning for its second year, the 2016 ride solicited donations in support of LWF's CBM network – specifically, the purchase of portable water-sampling kits – and ended up raising \$7,945 for this important citizen science initiative.

Walk for Water

Walk for Water is LWF's signature summer fundraising event. In 2016 three walks were held in Dunnottar, Gimli and Victoria Beach – and, for the first time, we also offered supporters the option to participate online. Combined, these events raised more than \$41,000. Our VB walk once again set a participation record with 148 participants.



Walk for Water participants in Dunnottar (top and bottom left), Victoria Beach (top right) and Gimli (bottom right)

LWF thanks all our supporters for making a healthy Lake Winnipeg possible.

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Thank you to retiring directors Aimée Craft, Tabitha Martens, Alex Salki and Dianne Sallans. Your service is greatly appreciated.

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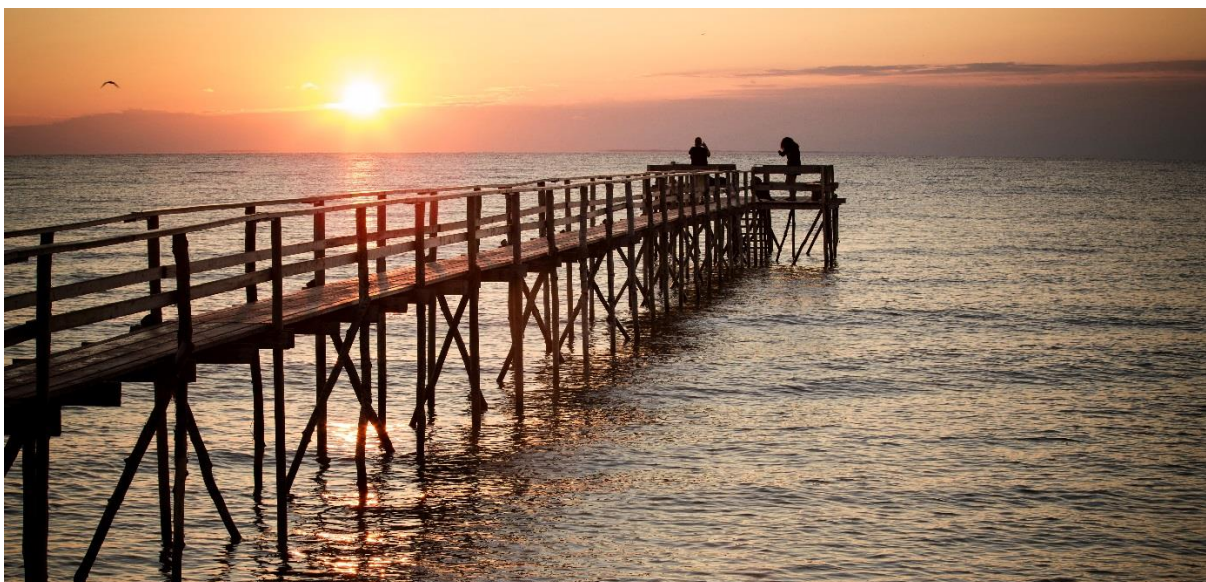
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LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.

Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2016

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC. which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016 and the and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for qualified opinion

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC. derives a significant portion of its revenues from donations and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible to audit verification. Consequently, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support the completeness of donation revenue, and we were unable to determine whether any adjustments were necessary.

Opinion

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the non-profit organization as at December 31, 2016 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
April 12, 2017



Talbot & Associates
Chartered Professional Accountants

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.**Statement of Financial Position****As at December 31, 2016**

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 238,006	\$ 174,287
Accounts receivable	20,000	26,367
Due from government agencies	3,631	1,042
Prepaid expenses	3,401	7,013
	<u>265,038</u>	<u>208,709</u>
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	<u>8,502</u>	<u>11,772</u>
	<u>\$ 273,540</u>	<u>\$ 220,481</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,785	\$ 8,286
Wages payable	9,291	15,413
Deferred income	41,170	3,025
Deferred grant revenue (Note 5)	124,078	105,741
	<u>178,324</u>	<u>132,465</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>95,216</u>	<u>88,016</u>
	<u>\$ 273,540</u>	<u>\$ 220,481</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS_____
*Director*_____
Director

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 88,016	\$ 85,159
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	7,200	2,857
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 95,216	\$ 88,016

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.**Statement of Operations**

For the year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 268,186	\$ 259,318
Lake-A-Thon	53,465	46,663
Donations and memberships	33,243	33,552
Promotional sales	4,929	4,465
Interest Income	1,373	961
Other income	-	280
	<u>361,196</u>	<u>345,239</u>
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	-	298
Amortization	5,587	6,590
Campaigns Internal Projects	65,624	41,135
Conference and travel	5,975	3,118
Discretionary Funds	1,000	2,067
Fundraising	31,142	17,152
Insurance	2,810	1,869
Interest and bank charges	2,324	972
Meetings and conventions	3,792	3,096
Office	11,285	11,452
Professional fees	7,636	6,300
Rent	7,470	7,470
Research, Stewardship and Education Programs	-	39,000
School Field Trip Fund	1,112	838
Telephone	2,509	2,343
Training	2,125	2,869
Wages and benefits	203,193	195,813
	<u>353,584</u>	<u>342,382</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	7,612	2,857
OTHER EXPENSES		
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(412)	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 7,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,857</u>

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.**Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 7,200	\$ 2,857
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	5,587	6,590
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	412	-
	<u>13,199</u>	<u>9,447</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	6,367	(21,852)
Prepaid expenses	3,612	(4,030)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(4,502)	1,900
Deferred income	38,145	3,025
Due to (from) government agencies	(2,587)	(3,472)
Due from employees	-	820
Wages payable	(6,122)	15,413
Deferred grant revenue	18,337	19,878
	<u>53,250</u>	<u>11,682</u>
	<u>66,449</u>	<u>21,129</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to tangible capital assets	(2,730)	-
	<u>(2,730)</u>	<u>-</u>
INCREASE IN CASH FLOW	63,719	21,129
CASH - Beginning of year	174,287	153,158
CASH - End of year	\$ 238,006	\$ 174,287
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION		
Interest received	\$ 1,373	\$ 962

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2016

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The organization is a not-for-profit community service organization dedicated to providing support and encouragement for research and education regarding the biological health of the waters and shorelines of Lake Winnipeg, Canada. The Foundation is a registered charity under the *Income Tax Act*. Lake Winnipeg Foundation was incorporated on May 18, 2005 under the *Canada Corporations Act*.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Cash and short-term investments

The organization considers short-term debt securities purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Because of the short-term maturity of these investments, their carrying amount approximates fair value.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Tangible capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives at the following rates and methods:

Equipment	5 years	straight-line method
Website & software	5 years	straight-line method

The organization regularly reviews its tangible capital assets to eliminate obsolete items.

The amortization of the tangible capital assets is calculated half of the above mentioned rates for the year of purchase and no amortization is recorded in the year of disposal.

Revenue recognition

The Organization uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions under which restricted contributions related to expenses of future periods are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred.

Restricted contributions for the purchase of tangible capital asset that will be amortized have been deferred and will be recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired tangible assets.

The Organization recognizes government funding and grants in the period in which it is received unless it is otherwise stated by the funder.

The Organization recognizes fundraising and donations in the period in which it is received.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Use of estimates

When preparing financial statements according to Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, we make estimates and assumptions relating to:

- Reported amounts of revenue and expenses
- Reported amounts of assets and liabilities
- Disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities

We base our assumptions on a number of factors including historical experience, current events, actions that the company may undertake in the future, and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different conditions and assumptions. We use estimates when accounting for certain items such as useful lives of capital assets, impairment of long-lived assets, goodwill, employee future benefits allowance for doubtful accounts, and provision for slow-moving inventories and income taxes.

3. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2016 Net book value	2015 Net book value
Equipment	\$ 13,205	\$ 9,972	\$ 3,233	\$ 1,553
Website software	30,306	25,037	5,269	10,219
	<u>\$ 43,511</u>	<u>\$ 35,009</u>	<u>\$ 8,502</u>	<u>\$ 11,772</u>

4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, due from government agencies, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and wages payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION INC.

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December 31, 2016

5. GRANTS

	Received or Receivable in 2016	Add: deferred from 2015	Deduct: deferred to 2017	Total 2016 revenue
Assiniboine Credit Union	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation	11,000	-	302	10,698
Canadian Environment Grantmakers' Network	5,000	-	-	5,000
Ducks Unlimited Canada.	20,000	14,000	6,500	27,500
Environment Canada	10,877	13,086	-	23,963
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	33,750	-	18,891	14,859
Investors Group	-	1,075	-	1,075
Keenanow Trust Secretariat	1,000	-	1,000	-
Manitoba Community Services Council Inc.	-	7,000	-	7,000
Manitoba Hydro	15,183	4,000	-	19,183
Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship	25,000	2,000	18,242	8,758
Mountain Equipment Coop	-	5,000	-	5,000
NAPECA	-	1,790	-	1,790
Pinaymootang First Nation	1,000	-	1,000	-
Province of Manitoba - Sport, Culture and Heriatge	3,000	-	3,000	-
RBC Blue Water Project	70,000	13,790	40,974	42,816
Red River Coop.	5,000	-	-	5,000
Sitka Foundation	15,000	-	13,798	1,202
South Basins Mayors and Reeves Inc.	5,000	-	-	5,000
The Thomas Sill Foundation Inc.	-	25,000	-	25,000
The Winnipeg Foundation	22,963	-	1,700	21,263
Tides Canada	11,000	10,000	10,000	11,000
Unrestricted 2015	-	5,000	5,000	-
Unrestricted 2016	8,000	-	-	8,000
World Wildlife Fund Canada	18,750	-	3,671	15,079
	<u>\$ 286,523</u>	<u>\$ 105,741</u>	<u>\$ 124,078</u>	<u>\$ 268,186</u>